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City Is Working to Develop Racial Equity Action Plan

by Diane Oberg

At the January 24 meeting of the Greenbelt City Council, City Human Resources Director Dawane Martinez briefed council on the city's participation in Advancing Racial Equity in the DMV Region, a project that is part of the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE). GARE is a national network of governments working to achieve racial equity and advance opportunities for all. Currently, 370

governments at the city, county, regional and state level in 36 states are participating.

The program is organized into cohorts. The DMV (District, Maryland, Virginia) cohort is led by Chuck Bean of the Metropolitan Council of Governments and includes Prince George's, Charles, Frederick and Montgomery counties and the cities of Greenbelt, College Park, Takoma Park and Gaithersburg, plus the District of

Columbia, four Virginia counties and two Virginia cities.

The DMV cohort will focus on four main areas: public safety and court services; community development, planning, zoning and housing; transportation and mobility; and governing and business, procurement, human resources and leadership, and workforce development.

Through participating in this work, each jurisdiction will develop a racial equity training curriculum; a racial equity action plan to be used in policy, practice, program and budget decisions; sample policies and practices to advance racial equity and trained facilitators to implement staff training.

A GARE portal will allow participants to share resources, materials and jurisdiction work. Greenbelt's GARE team consists of Martinez, Economic Development Coordinator Charise Liggins, Director of Planning and Community Development Terri Hruby, City Treasurer Bertha Gaymon, Police Chief Rick Bowers, Director Greg Varda and LaToya Fisher of the Recreation Department, CARES Director Liz Parks and Co-Acting Director of Public Works Brian Townsend. Four GARE members are assigned to the cohort: two as trainers, one project manager and one resource person. The cohort

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PHOTO BY JILL CONNOR

Maeve, 9, shows off the heart garland she made for Valentine's Day decorations for the Greenbelt Elementary School staff and teachers on Sunday. See more photos, page 12.

Black History Month

A Variety of Virtual Events Is Sprinkled throughout February

by Lois Rosado

As Black History Month progresses, the following virtual events will be available for Greenbelt residents.

Saturday, February 19 from 2 to 3 p.m. Feeding the Body, Healing the Soul: Foodways of Enslaved People with Marvin-Alonzo Greer. Introduction by Leigh Ryan. Register at signupgenius.com/go/foodways.

Saturday, February 19 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Movement, Wellness and Exercise with Derrick Faison. Register at signupgenius.com/go/movementwellness.

Sunday, February 20 at 2 p.m. There will be spoken word performances by Jordan Smith and Sainey Cessay, Prince George's County Youth Poet Laureate. Delegates Nicole

Williams and Alonzo Washington will talk about the role of Black fraternities and sororities, and there will be a youth performance and reenactment of the Civil Rights movement. Watch on greenbeltnmd.gov/municipaltv, Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996 or facebook.com/greenbeltnmdrecreation.

Tuesday, February 22 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. A panel discussion about Maintaining Your Business in Greenbelt and Promoting Generational Wealth. Register at signupgenius.com/go/generationalwealth.

Saturday, February 26 from 2 to 4 p.m. Mind and Body: Self-Care, Mental and

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PHOTO BY KATE PUGLIESE

Participants sign up for free health screening at the Luminis Health van in front of the Aquatic & Fitness Center. The health screening, part of the celebration of Black History Month, took place on Saturday, February 12. See story, page 12.

Green ACES Briefs Council On Achieving Sustainability

by Matthew Arbach

Green ACES, the City of Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability matters, briefed the Greenbelt City Council on February 7 on its latest recommendations to help steer Greenbelt toward a future more reliant on renewable energy and with lowered carbon emissions. Council was eager to begin implementing and incorporating these ideas as soon as possible, with some potentially being voted on at the second council meeting on February 28. Green ACES was represented by Chair John Lippert, Staff Liaison Luisa Robles and members Lore Rosenthal and Steve Skolnik.

The meeting began with recommendations concerning greenhouse gas reductions, with the ultimate goal of achieving 100 percent carbon neutrality by 2050. An interim goal of reducing emissions by 50 percent of levels set in 2005 was set as a

closer benchmark, with the suggestion made for the city to hire a consultant who would provide the best strategy.

At present, the city's electricity usage is completely derived from wind, thus achieving one of Green ACE's goals. The challenge now is to transition from the use of fuels and natural gas to renewables. It was stressed several times that these goals do not deal with reducing the use of electricity, but rather the emissions that are the result of its production, such as from coal plants. Lippert said that a nearby solar farm is approaching completion and would be, if not a complete replacement of non-renewable energy, a huge step in the right direction.

Skolnik stressed that some of these ambitious goals, while important to set, are realistically not completely achievable. As an example, he said that convert-

ing the Community Center from its existing use of natural gas to only electricity would be a huge and very expensive project.

A chart was presented that showed the city's CO2 emissions from 2019. The city's fleet of

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What Goes On

Monday, February 21
Presidents Day Holiday, City Offices Closed

Wednesday, February 23
8 p.m., City Council Work-session: Economic Development Strategic Plan

All meetings are virtual. See the meetings calendar at greenbeltnmd.gov for agendas and information on public participation in these meetings.



PHOTO BY JAMAL AUSTIN

Eleanor Roosevelt High School Varsity basketball team took a 64-27 victory against High Point High School on Tuesday, February 8.

Letters to the Editor

Another Scam

I received a text message on my phone saying there had been a \$666 charge on Amazon. It then posted a number I could call if this was not authorized. When I called this number I spoke to a man and was on the phone for two hours. He had me go through many online procedures and acquired information on me as we talked. I did provide my

credit card number which I then cancelled afterward and I have not had charges on that.

Finally I realized the original message warning that a charge was placed on my Amazon account was false. Looks like I interrupted the process in time.

I had to talk to friends afterward to help me get over the emotion of being scammed and going along with it.

Patricia Novinski

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Physical Health. Featuring Dr. Otis Williams of Bowie State University's Counseling Department; Crystal Beckford of Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Center; Reverend Ray Raysor; Darren Stephenson of Greenbelt CARES; and Camille Butler, a sickle cell advocate. Register at signupgenius.com/go/blackhealth. Sunday, February 27 at 1 p.m.

The Black History Month movie at Old Greenbelt Theatre is King Richard. This movie is offered free to the community, but pre-registration is required and capacity is limited due to Covid restrictions. Visit greenbeltmd.gov and click on February 27 on the calendar to register.

Lois Rosado is the co-chair of the Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee.

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On Screen at Old Greenbelt Theatre

Flee

In Danish with English subtitles

Flee tells the true story of a man, Amin Nawabi, on the verge of marriage, which compels him to reveal a painful secret he has kept hidden for 20 years, one that threatens to derail the life he has built for himself and his soon-to-be husband. Recounted mostly through animation to Director Jonas Poher Rasmussen, he tells for the first time the story of his extraordinary journey as a child refugee from Afghanistan. Flee pushes the boundaries of documentary filmmaking to present a moving memoir of self-discovery. The film was selected as the Danish entry for the Academy Award for Best International Feature Film, where it received a nomination, along with nods in the Best Documentary Feature and Best Animated Feature categories simultaneously, becoming the first film to do so.

Rated PG-13, running time 83 minutes

The Velvet Queen

In French with English subtitles

In The Velvet Queen, a documentary shot in the heart of the Tibetan highlands, multi-award-winning nature photographer Vincent Munier guides writer Sylvain Tesson on his quest to document the infamously elusive snow leopard. Munier introduces Tesson to the subtle art of waiting from a blind spot, tracking animals and finding the patience to catch sight of the beasts. Through their journey in the Tibetan peaks, inhabited by invisible presences, the two men ponder humankind's place among the magnificent creatures and glorious landscapes they encounter along the way. Said critic Tambay Obensen of Indiewire about the film, "It's enough to inspire even the non-nature-minded to seek out new adventures, whether on untamed land or in one's backyard."

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Community Events

Black History Saving Black History Sites

On Thursday, February 24 at 7:30 p.m., the Greenbelt Museum will present Lawana Holland-Moore, program officer at the National Trust for Historic Preservation African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund, for a conversation about saving Black history sites. Holland-Moore worked at the Museum for several years as the membership and social media manager (a position funded by the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum). She'll talk about some of the challenges and barriers that make saving these sites difficult, as well as some inspiring projects that the Action Fund is supporting. Holland-Moore will also discuss preservation of sites associated with other marginalized groups, such as those that explore Asian American, Native American and LGBTQ history. Finally, learn about ways to be involved in the preservation of BIPOC sites.

Register for this virtual event via Eventbrite (eventbrite.com/e/262365160257). The event is free and sponsored by the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum and the City of Greenbelt.

For more information about the Greenbelt Museum and the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum, visit greenbeltmuseum.org.

3D Computer Models Demonstrated

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will hold its monthly meeting virtually via Zoom at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 24. All are welcome to attend. The speaker will be ASG Vice President Anwar Al-Mallah, who will be showing the use of 3D computer models provided by NASA (at nasa3d.arc.nasa.gov/models) in CAD applications (Blender, formZ and ZBrush) for creating 3D renderings. The Zoom link will be posted on the ASG Web site, greenbeltastro.org, before the meeting.

Fortin Exhibit Graces Council Chambers



Christine Fortin stands with works in her new solo exhibit in the City Council chambers.

A new exhibit of paintings by Christine Fortin is currently on view in council chambers at the Municipal Building. Fortin is a participant in Greenbelt Recreation ceramics and visual arts programs. Her work resonates with modern and ancient art history while inviting the viewer to peer through the unique, kaleidoscopic lens of her imagination.

Guests may see the show Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through April 8. Masks are required. Ring the doorbell at the front entrance facing Crescent Road. For more information email ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov or visit greenbeltmd.gov/arts.

Composting Workday Volunteers Needed

On Saturday, February 26, anytime from 9 a.m. to noon, enjoy an outdoor composting workday at the three-bin hot composting station behind Roosevelt Center, alongside the Aquatic Center. It's an opportunity to commune safely with others outdoors and enjoy learning how to make compost from food from Greenbelt's Co-op Supermarket that would otherwise go to the landfill. Bring a mask to wear when working close to others.

Elementary through high school kids are invited to join in. There's lots of work, and snacks to enjoy.

If the idea of preventing food scraps from entering the landfill – where they produce methane, one of the worst greenhouse gases – sounds good as does learning more about composting, come join in. Just show up on Saturday morning or email NewDealWigglers@gmail.com for more information.

Local Quilters Featured In Courthouse Exhibit

Quilts Across Maryland are once again on display at the Federal Courthouse on Cherrywood Lane, now through the end of April. A space-theme quilt, called Star Formation, pieced by local Greenbelt quilter (and News Review staffer) Ann Bauman and quilted by Greenbelter Christy Bailey, is among the works hanging on the first three floors of the Courthouse's central atrium.

This is the 19th annual exhibit, organized by the Annapolis Quilt Guild with contributions from guilds throughout Maryland. The quilts on display in the 2020 exhibit were "held hostage" by the Covid-19 pandemic, as the courthouse was locked down after the quilts had been hung. In 2021, the annual exhibit was cancelled due to the continuing pandemic restrictions. The quilts were finally returned to their makers in mid-2021, when the courthouse reopened to the public.

The courthouse is open to the public, including quilt enthusiasts, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, except holidays. Masks must be worn.

Make Luminaries At Artful Afternoon

Create colorful luminaries with designs inspired by famous women artists at the Artful Afternoon at the Community Center on Sunday, March 6. Sign up for a table at 1 or 2:15 p.m. by registering at signupgenius.com/go/409084babab2ba4ff2-march2. Masks required.



Monthly Art Share On February 20

Join fellow artists for a friendly discussion of everyone's work on Sunday, February 20 at 2 p.m. in the Community Center. Bring one to three pieces to share. All media welcome. Masks required. Sign up at greenbeltmd.gov/arts.

Greenbelt PORCH Expands At Large

Greenbelt PORCH has rolled out P.A.L. (PORCH At Large) for Greenbelters who are interested in the PORCH program but don't have a coordinator in their neighborhood. To participate, contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at spreadruak@gmail.com with the address by noon on Sunday, February 20. Leave the donation, marked RUAK or PORCH, visible from the street, by the front door. Do not set out items that have passed their expiration date.

Upcoming collection dates are as follows:

Between 2 and 4 p.m. on Sunday, February 20 for all of Boxwood Village. Between 2 and 4 p.m. on Sunday, February 20 for P.A.L.

Between 9 and 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 26 for 14 and 15 Courts Laurel Hill.

Volunteers who would like to expand Greenbelt PORCH to additional neighborhoods in Greenbelt are welcome. Anyone with questions or who is interested in being a volunteer or starting a new neighborhood for monthly food collection with Greenbelt PORCH, contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at spreadruak@gmail.com.

Black History Talk on Military Road Black School

Interested Greenbelters are invited to a Black History Month presentation on Wednesday, February 23 at 11 a.m. via Zoom. Patricia Tyson, president of the Military Road School Preservation Trust, will discuss the history and present activities surrounding one of the oldest schools for Black students in Washington, D.C. The school was located near Fort Stevens in the Brightwood section of D.C. and was established in 1864 to educate free people of color. Tyson and her sister are alumnae of the school and will both present the history. More information can be found at mrspt.org.

The talk is hosted by the Golden Age Club. To join their email list and/or obtain Zoom information for this virtual meeting, contact Becky Sutfin at rsutfin@greenbeltmd.gov.

The Green Hornet Now Available Online

Greenbelt Arts Center has posted February's installment of their online Old-Time Radio Play series: The Green Hornet – Justice Wears a Blindfold, directed by Rikki Howie Lacewell. The video can be viewed for free through a link on the website greenbeltartscenter.org.

In the play, star reporter Lowery and his pal and star photographer Clicker uncover corruption in a high-profile trial. Judge Grayson claims to be tough on racketeers, but his behavior hints otherwise. Britt Reid isn't sure about the trustworthiness of the judge, but as the Green Hornet he swings into action. A trap is set to take down the gangsters from the top down – and even the judge, if he is actually corrupt.

The play features actors Sean Laraway, Bob Singer, Rob Glass, Brittney Horsely, BROPHY BROPHY, Emily Lechworth, Jo Rake, Megan Steinwedel, Nancy Linden, Tillmon Figgs and Jack Downs.

More information and the recordings of previous radio plays are available at the website.

Zoom GAC Auditions For Radio Play

Greenbelt Arts Center will hold auditions over Zoom by appointment on Saturday, February 26 for March's Old-Time Radio Play. Audition slots can be arranged by signing up before Thursday, February 24 through a link on the website at greenbeltartscenter.org/auditions.

In March, the Old-Time Radio Play series will feature Another World, aka Alter Ego. On a cold, dismal, dreary night ... in a death-row cell of a southern penitentiary ... a young woman kneels beside her prison cot, weeping, speaking softly to the memory of her mother, and explaining that it all started when she first heard that evil voice within her head. The actors will participate in virtual rehearsals, and the final recorded performance will be posted on March 25.

Although the actors do appear in the video, this is a radio play and casting will be done based on vocal sound instead of age or appearance. All roles are open and everyone is encouraged to audition; this is a great opportunity for beginners who would like to try acting. Participation is entirely virtual.


More information and the recordings of previous radio plays are available on the website.

Garden Club Meets To Assign Plots

The Greenbelt Community Garden Club will be having a virtual 2022 Plot Assignment meeting. The meeting will be held Wednesday, March 16 at 7 p.m. An email will be sent to returning gardeners with a link to join. New and returning plot holders may download and fill out the application form on the club's website at greenbeltgardenclub.com.

Spring Activity Guide Now Online

The Greenbelt Recreation spring activity guide is now available online at greenbeltmd.gov/recreation. Registration for residents starts on Tuesday, February 22, and for non-residents on Monday, February 28.




2022 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SUNDAY MARCH 20 at 3pm
via Zoom Video Conference

Greenbelt Access Television will be hosting our **Annual Membership Meeting** over Zoom again this year. Current GATe Members will receive a link for the meeting in advance. Guests are welcome and can request the meeting link by email to greenbeltaccess@gmail.com

GATe Members will be voting to fill two open Board Member positions. If the election is contested, anonymous online voting will take place during the meeting. If you are a current GATe Member and would like to run for an open seat, please submit a photograph and short bio over email to be included in the list of candidates.


Nominations will be open until March 4th at 4pm.

There will be a vote on suggested by-law amendments. To view the proposed amendments, please visit <https://greenbeltaccessstv.org/proposed-by-law-amendments>



The 2021 Winners of GATe's Annual Rose Award for Best Greenbelt Community Video will be announced during the meeting!




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8am	Democracy Now!	Yesterday's Syndicated Program
9am	GATe Classic Film • Musical	The Duke is Tops • 1938 Ralph Cooper
11am	Greenbelt Newsreel	Community Programming
Noon	Democracy Now!	Today's Syndicated Program
1pm	PGCPS Science Bowl	Charles Carroll v MLK Jr Middle
2pm	Music at the New Deal	Tret Fure & Lynn Hollyfield • Songwriters Folk
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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

In Memoriam

Dorothea Leslie

by Neil Williamson

I moved to a GHI court from Washington, D.C., in 2003. Within a day, I'd met Dorothea, who lived two doors away.

We started taking those walks around Greenbelt mentioned by Rick Ransom in his memoriam article last week. Almost immediately, I found myself in her encyclopedic history class of who's-who, and long before the current day, in homes for blocks around. Who had lived in my house over the decades, including a Pioneer family.

One day she called, asked me if I would be willing to meet an old friend, a daughter in that Pioneer family. "Of course, Dorothea!" was my reply. Mrs. Winker came right over. She told me of their arrival in 1938. How they'd been rescued, as it were, from a dismal, damp basement apartment in D.C.

Mrs. Winker is shown with her mother in a photo hanging

on the ground-level corridor wall in the Community Center. She is on the gardenside of their unit, picking flowers. I guess her to be about 8 or 9 years old.

Dorothea said that most of the families had multiple children, and in those days the peaked roofs of brick homes were still open to the other units through the attic. Kids would run through to adjacent homes to suddenly appear for play.

Dorothea and her family were always out front on Crescent Road in their lawn chairs for the Labor Day Parade, flags a-waving, greeting friends.

One day, as in almost any day, a fire truck and ambulance went past, sirens blaring. She turned to me and said, "I whisper a prayer every time they pass." I know she meant that for both the persons who needed help, as well as the Fire and EMS folks. May she rest in Peace.



This photo of Elsie Stinel and her daughter (Mrs. Winker) hangs in the hallway in the Community Center.

Reel and Meal

Ida B. Wells: Trail-Blazing Black Journalist, Suffragist

by Donna Hoffmeister

The film *Ida B. Wells: A Passion for Justice* is this month's Reel and Meal at the New Deal feature, on Monday, February 21. A Black journalist in post-Reconstruction America, Ida B. Wells was an investigative journalist who compiled statistics about lynching cases by conducting eyewitness interviews in the South. In 1892, an angry mob burned down her newspaper's office. She organized some of the first economic boycotts by lecturing in Great Britain about American lynching in 1893 and 1894 and encouraging the British to stop purchasing American cotton. A prominent Black suffragist, her stance on racism made her unwelcome in the largely White suffrage organizations. She helped to found the NAACP but was edged out of its leadership. She was perceived to be too radical in her time and was sidelined by more conservative, mostly male activists.

Nicki Mayo, multimedia journalist and Baltimore City native, will lead the discussion after the film. The film begins at 7 p.m. either live on the New Deal Café's new wide-screen film projection system or via Zoom. The Café uses a UV light filtration system that kills viruses. Attendees must wear a mask and show proof of vaccination. Registration



STILL FROM PASSION FOR JUSTICE

Journalist, activist, suffragist Ida B. Wells is the focus of this month's Reel and Meal.

for Zoom viewing is required at tinyurl.com/ReelMealFeb21.

Vegan and non-vegan meal options are available from the Co-op Supermarket; pre-order at 301-474-0522 by 1 p.m. on Monday for pick-up between 4 and 7 p.m. at the Co-op deli.

The Utopia Film Festival and Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition organize the Reel and Meal at the New Deal, a monthly film series focused on environmental, social justice and animal rights issues. The Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee co-sponsored the film to commemorate Black History Month. For further information, see the Reel and Meal Facebook page (facebook.com/reelandmealNDC) or email Donna Hoffmeister at donna.hoffmeister@verizon.net.



Congratulations to Stan Zirkin who, for the fifth time, has been placed on the D.C. Bar Association's Honor Roll for his attorney pro bono work. Stan volunteers on a regular basis for the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, where he gives legal advice and assistance to workers in the DMV area on labor and employment issues.

Greenbelter Robin Pitts had a medical emergency recently and, though out of the hospital, she still is working on her recovery. Friends who wish to help out the family while she's on the mend can do so with GoFundMe.com. Search on 'Robin's Friends' for the appropriate page.

Congratulations to Greenbelt artists Ann Bauman and Christy Bailey, whose space-themed quilt was selected for display at the Greenbelt Federal Courthouse's display, Quilts Across Maryland.

Share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.





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Romans 3:23



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Rev. Karen Lee Scrivo
with Worship Associate Carol Carter Walker

We are called by our faith to build the Beloved Community both here and in the world. What does that call ask us to do? How are we called to be together?



City Notes

Planning presented a briefing about the Greenbelt Road Corridor Plan to the Berwyn Heights Town Council.

Horticulture/Parks removed numerous dead or invasive trees.

Refuse/Recycling collected 24.60 tons of refuse and 11.12 tons of recyclables.

After a kitten adoption, the Animal Shelter hosts eight cats and two kittens.

The Community Center Leader position remains unfilled, with few applicants.

Recreation, CARES and Economic Development met regarding a professional development series.

An American Red Cross Blood Drive, fully booked, drew 40 donors.

Art pick-up service at the Community Center’s welcome desk is now offered year round.

A family art workshop celebrated Valentine’s Day and Council Chambers has a new art installation on display – works by open studio participant Christine Fortin.

Therapeutic Recreation presented Ageless Grace with Karen Haseley for Golden Agers and 21 seniors received meal delivery this week.

Park rangers, assisting Public Works with locking Schrom Hills Park restrooms at dark, have increased cleaning due to careless use.

At the Library

The Prince George’s County Memorial Library System (PGC-MLS), D.C. Public Library and Alexandria Public Library are once again teaming up with the Washington Wizards to present the Wizards Winter Reading Challenge through March 31. Prince Georgians can join the fun by participating in challenges for a chance to win prizes. Participants may complete and log activities including reading, watching Wizards games, attending virtual library programs, staying active and engaging with the Library and Wizards. Readers who complete the challenge will be entered into a raffle to win a variety of prizes. All ages are welcome. Customers may register on Beanstack (website or mobile app).

Programs

For Black History Month, the Library’s virtual programs explore Black creativity and ingenuity across disciplines with read-alouds for children, an appearance by author and journalist Wanda Smalls Lloyd, a new series that explores Black inventors and innovators curated by the Library’s Workforce and Community Development Team, the Black Authors in Sci-Fi & Fantasy series presented by the PGCMLS Writers’ Group, book discussions, an open mic event and film discussions. Registration required for select programs at pgcmcls.info/10186.

Prince Georgians are encouraged to explore Black history and culture locally and nationally via the Library’s online resources and at the Sojourner Truth Room at the Oxon Hill Branch Library.



City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY 20-26

Monday, February 21, **NO MEETING - PRESIDENTS DAY**

Tuesday, February 22 at 3:30 pm, **SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, *On the Agenda: Call to Order, Introduction of Guests, Approval of Agenda - February 22, 2022, Approval of Minutes - January 25, 2022, Old Business, New Business, Other, Announcements*

Tuesday, February 22 at 7 pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**, *On the Agenda: Minutes of January meeting, Grants update, Educator Awards Preparations - March 14, 2022, AOB, Next Meeting*

Wednesday, February 23 at 8 pm, **WORK SESSION - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN**, *Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and streaming at greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv*

Thursday, February 24 at 7 pm, **FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD**, *On the Agenda: Opening round, Approve Agenda, Approve Minutes, MAGLEV update, Garden Shade Phase I update, Review Trail Master Plan: Section 5 North Woods, Invasive plant pilot projects, Greebriar Tract Items, Snail study, Next meeting: February 24, Closing round*

Thursday, February 24 at 7pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE POLICING WORKGROUP MEETING**

In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov. This schedule is subject to change. For con irmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000. For information on public participation for the virtual meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov

CELEBRATING THIS WEEK'S BLACK HISTORY PROGRAMS

Cultural Event
Sunday, February 20 | 2pm-3:30pm
Watch on www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv, Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, or www.facebook.com/greenbeltmdrecreation

Maintaining Your Business in Greenbelt, Reinvesting in Black and Brown Communities, and Promoting Generational Wealth
Tuesday, February 22 | 6:30pm-8pm
Register at www.signupgenius.com/go/generationalwealth

Mind and Body - Self-Care, Staying Mentally Fit, and Physically Health
Saturday, February 26 | 2pm-4pm
Register at www.signupgenius.com/go/blackhealth

Black History Month Movie
Sunday, February 27 | 2pm-3:30pm
Old Greenbelt Theatre, 129 Centerway

Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee is excited to celebrate Black History Month this year focusing on the theme of Black Health and Wellness. The committee has added wealth and finance because they intersect with health and wellness. The Committee offers an exciting and informative array of programs and activities celebrating the contributions of African Americans to the economic and social growth of the U.S.A.

Please visit greenbeltmd.gov/bhm to see a list of events and sign up!

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on:

- Advisory Committee on Education
- Arts Advisory Board
- Board of Elections
- Park & Recreation Advisory Board
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

For more information call 301-474-8000

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Greenbelt ARPA Funds Assistance Programs Update (as of 2/7/22)

Rent and Utility Assistance
· 203 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$772,306.92

Mortgage and HOA fee Assistance
· 5 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$7,999.34

FREE TUTORING PROGRAMS

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(202) 710-6473
dayoku@greenbeltmd.gov

FEELING ISOLATED? LOOKING TO CONNECT WITH OTHERS?

We are here to help. Join the Greenbelt Assistant in Living (GAIL) online support group. Meets every 3rd Wednesday, 2-3 pm.

Pre-registration required. Interested? Contact Sharon Johnson at 240-542-2029 or Sjohnson@greenbeltmd.gov

PRESIDENTS DAY OF SERVICE

February 21
Buddy Attick Park
555 Crescent Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770
10 AM – 1 PM

Be a part of the community effort to protect trees from beaver herbivory at Buddy Attick Park. Volunteers will work with Public Works staff to place wire caging around the trunks of native trees to protect them from beaver herbivory and remove invasive vines.

Reminders:
Bring a reusable water bottle. Wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes. Students: bring community-service forms

To Register: Contact Environmental Coordinator Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll at kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov

Follow the City of Greenbelt on Facebook and Twitter @cityofgreenbelt! For City information and events visit www.greenbeltmd.gov

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For more information or to register contact Katherine Farzin via Office: 240-542-2019 or Email: kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov

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Greenbelt Recreation's 2022 Spring Activity Guide has been posted! Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation for more information.

NOW RECRUITING FOR THE 2022 CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY

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Running Tuesday evenings from March 1 through May 3
Applications are due Sunday, February 20

Zooming with the Family

by Jenny Moser Jurling

“Families don’t get together enough for the good reasons,” Renna Komisar remembers her father saying often, pre-pandemic, about family gatherings at funerals. Now in Covid days, when family gatherings are even sparser, Renna and other Greenbelters have turned to family video calls to fill the gap.

Renna’s family has held a weekly Zoom call since March 2020 with her father, her immediate siblings and a few cousins. Throughout Covid lockdowns, Piri Powell Jenkins’s family has met every day. They use Facebook Messenger video calls, because Piri’s grandfather had trouble with Zoom.

Both families have celebrated family milestones, including engagements, over their calls. Discussion topics can include dinner plans, favorite new Netflix shows or homeschooling ideas. Renna says that her dad has a gift for remembering conversation threads: if you mention getting oranges at Costco, then next week, he’ll ask you how the oranges were.

I participate in three regular family Zoom calls, alternating Sunday calls between the maternal and paternal sides of my family. Every Wednesday evening, my dad hosts a Family and Friends game night. We play Codenames, a word guessing game, using horsepaste.com. Three weeks ago, I taught the group how to play Wordle.

Holidays on Zoom

Melanie Lynn Griffin’s family uses Zoom to meet for birthdays and Halloween. They have “a real flurry” of Zoom calls between Solstice and Christmas, she says. Her Seattle-based nephew and his wife, who celebrate Solstice, used to fly to the East Coast for the holiday. Now, on Solstice eve, Melanie says, her nephew and his wife use Zoom to lead the family in lighting candles and writing down intentions for the year ahead. On Solstice morning, the East Coast family members can wake up early to watch the sunrise, then greet the sun again, over Zoom, when it rises in Seattle.

Between Solstice and New Year’s Day, Melanie’s family uses Zoom to play games. They play Telestrations (also known as Telephone Pictionary) with Yuletide phrases. They also play Jackbox party games, which involve using a cell phone to draw, type or click an answer. Melanie also looks forward to chatting with the family and just hearing what they are doing.

For Christmas 2020, Sarah West and her wife Jenifer Callahan West organized a 50-person family call, with relatives from across the country. A friend agreed to make a special appearance as Santa, in a costume with



The traditional visit with Santa is upheld, via Zoom.

- Photos courtesy the West family



Santa makes a Zoom appearance.

a North Pole background.

The Wests planned an itinerary including prayer, toasts, songs and a Show and Share. During the Show and Share, each person got to share a talent, tell a joke or just discuss something from their lives. Sarah called this gathering a way to “express our love for each other when you can’t give that physical hug.”

Practical Considerations

Planning a family Zoom call? Melanie recommends remembering that older family members may not be comfortable with technology. She suggests holding a “pre-call” before your event, so that your relatives can learn about Zoom features such as muting and the text chat box.

Sarah recalls watching her son on his iPad, coaching his aunt

about Zoom features. He was a pro, thanks to online school, Jennifer observes. Sarah recommends making sure that all expected guests have arrived before the festivities begin. Then, nobody will miss a planned activity while trying to connect.

With their group size and their two-hour Christmas schedule, the Wests had to buy a paid Zoom membership. On their weekly chats, Renna’s family uses the free account. For them, the automatic 40-minute limit becomes an advantage, since nobody has to be the person who says goodbye and ends the call. Sometimes, that limit even cuts them off mid-sentence.

“I think this helps us get together for the good reasons,” Renna says.



The West family connects on Zoom.



Biscuits the cat enjoys the warmth of the laptop during Jenny Moser Jurling's family Zoom call. Jenny's relatives often ask after Biscuits.

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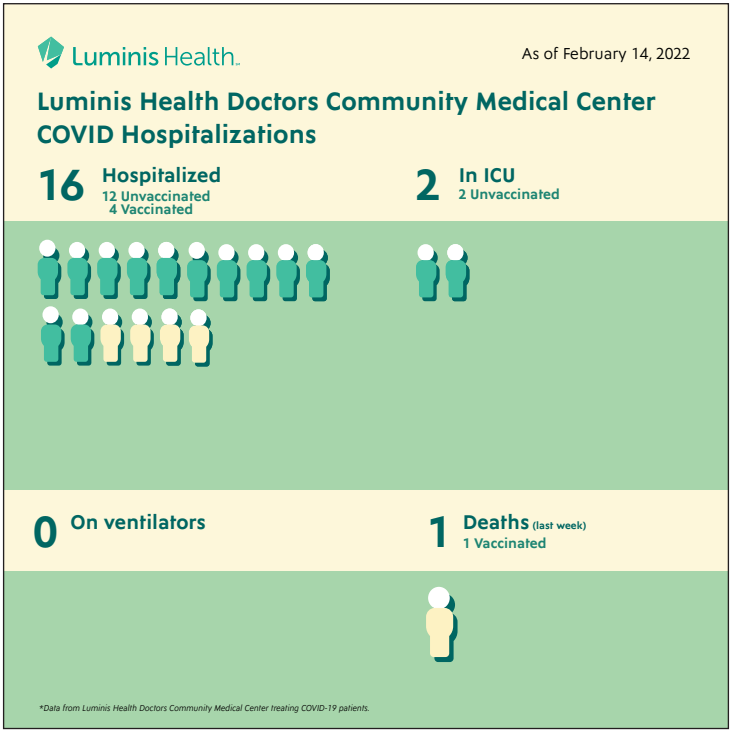


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Local Covid Trends Continue To Move to Lower Levels

by Cathie Meetre



The ZIP Code data for 20770 new Covid cases continues to improve steeply. According to the Maryland Master ZIP Code database, the rolling averages for the last week have dipped into the low single digits and are currently in the 1 to 3 new cases a day range. A week ago, they were more than twice that.

Although community transmission remains in the high range over the last seven days, the downward trend is echoed in the Prince George’s County data. Of particular note is that the number of hospitalized Covid patients in the county is at its lowest since December. Compared to the peak numbers in the start of January, where some days had 364 beds occupied by Covid patients, numbers in the last week have dropped from 115 on February 7 to 72 on February 13.

County key metrics are also trending toward more modest levels. The percentage of tests

returning positive results is now down at the medium level (of low, medium, high and critical). Bed availability is also in the medium range and though the average daily new case count continues in the high range, it is now trending closer to medium. The cases associated with fully vaccinated people are generally much less serious so, though new cases are still high, only the un- or partially-vaccinated are taking up hospital beds because they are much sicker.

The latest infographic from Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Center bears this out. It also shows a steep decline in cases. Of 18 Covid patients remaining, one unvaccinated person remains in intensive care. There are no fully vaccinated (including boosters) individuals in the hospital and of the 18 patients, all were unvaccinated except for four partially vaccinated individuals.

Check Your SmarTrip Card: Some Soon May Not Work

by Deanna Dawson

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority is installing new faregates at Metrorail stations and, starting on March 1, plastic SmarTrip cards purchased before 2012 will no longer work. A card must be replaced if “0167” is not included in the serial number on the back of the card. SmarTrip is needed for entry to Metro trains, buses and parking lots or garages and is accepted on Prince George’s County TheBus, DC Circulator, Montgomery County Ride On and some other regional transit systems.

Transfer Balance

If a card needs to be replaced, the balance can be transferred to another SmarTrip card at wmata.com/fares/smartrip/gocard-replacement.cfm; the card must then be tapped at a faregate, bus farebox or fare vending machine to complete the balance transfer. Or, an expiring card can be mailed in, and a new card, with the old card’s balance added, will be mailed to the applicant within 10 business days. Go to the above website to download

the form that must accompany the card; the mailing address is on the form.

New Cards, Mobile Pay

New SmarTrip cards can be purchased online (see wmata.com/fares/Buy-SmarTrip.cfm), in a vending machine at any Metrorail station, or locally at Giant Food in Beltway Plaza. Mobile Pay is also now available, allowing tap-and-go entry from iOS and Android devices; see wmata.com/fares/mobilepay for details.

Senior SmarTrip cards, which offer discounted fares for passengers aged 65 and older, can be obtained at the Greenbelt Library. People under the age of 65 with disabilities also qualify for reduced fares with a Reduced Fare SmarTrip Photo ID Card. These cards are issued in person at either the Transit Accessibility Center, 600 5th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., or at the TRIPS Commuter Store, 8404 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; go to wmata.com/fares/reduced.cfm to see open hours and the documents needed to obtain a card.

Black History Month At Montpelier House

Montpelier House Museum offers a Black History Month exhibit by the Uhuru Quilters Guild: We Make Black History: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow. These quilts feature a variety of mostly African techniques and patterns as well as using African themed fabrics. Visitors will be able to see quilts made by hand and machine piecing with designs that include appliqué, photo transfer, thread painting, trapunto and a variety of other techniques. The quilts, many with intricate histories, honor family and homeland.

The exhibit will be available from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursdays through Mondays, until February 28. Montpelier House is located at 9650 Muirkirk Road, Laurel.



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Luminis Health Gets New V.P.

Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Center has named Dawn Ridley as the new vice president of development. Ridley has more than 25 years of experience in program development, fundraising, marketing, business development and new product development. She most recently served as assistant vice president of institutional giving at Howard University.

Ridley shares a passion for Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI) initiatives. With its Health Equity and Anti-Racism Task (HEART) Force, Luminis Health has become a national model for eradicating inequities in health care. “I am proud to further the work of the HEART Force and I’m excited about the opportunity to increase health equity for our Prince George’s community,” said Ridley.



PHOTO COURTESY DAWN RIDLEY

Luminis Health's new VP for Development, Dawn Ridley

Ridley is on the faculty at both Georgetown and Howard Universities. She has held leadership roles with AARP, D.C. United, National Geographic Society, NFL Players Association, Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games and the Atlanta Braves baseball club. In addition, Ridley served as the chair of the AARP Black Caucus Employee Resource Group.

Luminis Health Implements Changes to Crisis Care Status

Luminis Health has deactivated the Crisis Standards of Care protocols put in place on January 4 for its hospitals, including the local Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Center.

“It will take some time to return to normal operations,” said CEO Victoria Bayles of Luminis Health. “However, we are now at a point where the surge is currently not exceeding the health care resources available.”

Surgeries, which had been postponed except in urgent situations, will now ramp up, with a goal of reaching a full surgical schedule as soon as possible. For those whose care or treatments (e.g., surgery or other clinical care) were deferred, it is time to reschedule.

Dr. Sherry Perkins, president of Luminis Health Anne Arundel Medical Center, said, “We encourage all patients to seek the care they need. The hospitals are safe, ready and open for those requiring emergent care. Those with non-emergent conditions should seek care from their primary care providers or urgent care centers. In addition, consistent follow up with your care provider is important.”

Luminis Health continues to assess its visitor restrictions and to require masking to keep patients, employees and visitors safe.

“We are so proud of our staff

who worked, and continue to work, so hard to care for our communities,” said Deneen Richmond, president of Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Center. “We also thank Governor Hogan and the National Guard for standing up Covid-19 testing sites near our campuses in Annapolis and Lanham.”

Luminis Health reminds the community that Covid-19 continues to be a serious public health problem. The best way to stop its spread is by getting vaccinated and boosted, and practicing the 3W’s: wear your mask, watch your distance and wash your hands.

This material was adapted from a Luminis Health press release.



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vehicles capped the list at 60 percent, followed by the Aquatic & Fitness Center at 15 percent, the Community Center at 14 percent, Public Works at 4 percent and the Youth Center at 3 percent.

Increasing the city’s use of electric vehicles and charging station infrastructure was another major recommendation. Robles indicated that the Public Works Department is committed to this and is purchasing electric equipment if feasible, as the existing technology is not conducive to certain tools, such as large lawn mowers or heavy cutting saws.

The future of the city’s composting process was a major point of discussion. In addition to the Backyard Composting organization and community composting at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, Aquatic Center, the New Deal Café and the Greenbelt Co-op, the city has a contract with Compost Crew, whose collection site is Buddy Attick Park. Food scraps from this site are hauled to the county’s Western Branch facility near Upper Marlboro.

Green ACES is recommending that the city consider enter-

ing into an agreement with the Four Cities Coalition “to explore possibilities for establishing a collaborative composting facility serving, and in close proximity to, member jurisdictions,” including nearby communities like University Park and New Carrollton.

A strong contender that was debated for such a move would be making Trinity Assembly of God church, off Good Luck Road, a drop-off and processing site, using Compost Crew and its Compost Outpost system that would have collection bins and also create the actual compost. Trinity has just signed an agreement with Compost Crew to do just that. Both council and Green ACES were keen on looking into having the city be part of this. Mayor Emmett Jordan said it would be “closing the loop” by keeping it all within city limits.

The goal is to have more drop-off sites throughout the city, thus increasing the number of households involved.

Jordan said that any resolution put forward to the Four Cities Coalition should be “focused on a

clear outcome” for any meaningful results.

Jordan pledged to sign on again to the ongoing Monarch Joint Venture (monarchjointventure.org), a nonprofit organization committed to the conservation of the monarch butterfly and related pollinators. Robles said that Sustainable MD is involved, with a large local consensus focused on creating a pollinator corridor in the area.

Acting City Manager Timothy George said that a letter was sent to Governor Larry Hogan expressing the city’s support of the Transportation and Climate Initiative.

Green ACES asked the city to send a letter to the county council requesting the adoption and implementing of the Prince George’s County Climate Action Plan. The council hoped that a draft with additional comments from Green ACES can be provided as soon as possible, because, as Jordan said, “time is of the essence,” with action to be taken on Thursday, February 17.



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Greenbelt Lake at dusk


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Police Blotter

Incidents reported here are from February 7 to February 13. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an enquiry. Call the non-emergency number 301-474-7200 or email pd@greenbeltmd.gov. Note that the times provided are when they were reported and the incident described may have occurred earlier.

Robberies
On February 10 at 9:57 p.m. near 5700 Cherrywood Lane. The victim was approached by an unknown male who pointed a gun at the victim and demanded money. The victim did not comply and the suspect ran off.
On February 13 at 8:55 p.m. near 100 Westway. Suspects are described as males wearing all black clothing and black ski masks both armed with guns.

Assault
On February 8 at 10:46 a.m. near 7400 Greenbelt Road east-bound, disagreement between employee and former employee turned physical.
On February 13 at 5:34 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road west-bound, an assault took place.

Auto Recoveries
On February 7 at 4:47 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a vehicle stolen in Washington, D.C., was located in Greenbelt.
On February 9 at 4:23 p.m. near 5800 Cherrywood Lane, a stolen license plate was located.

Autos Stolen
On February 7 at 2:20 p.m. near 5700 Cherrywood Lane, a green 2011 BMW 535i was stolen after being left unattended, running and unlocked. The vehicle was located on February 10 in Hyattsville; two arrests were made.

Auto Theft
On February 7 at 9:09 a.m. near 6900 Hanover Parkway, a rear tag was stolen. Near 9300 Edmonston Road, personal property was taken from a vehicle. Near 21 Ridge Road, a catalytic converter theft from a Toyota Prius.
On February 9 at 6:41 p.m. near 100 Westway, a catalytic converter theft from a Nissan van.

On February 10 at 8:40 a.m. near Mandan Road/Hanover Parkway, the front passenger window was broken and personal property was taken. Near 7800 Mandan Road, the rear passenger side window was forced down and personal property was taken.
On February 11 at 6:20 a.m. near 7200 Hanover Drive, all four tires were stolen. Near 7800 Mandan Road, passenger side window pulled out, personal property taken. Near 7 Court Ridge Road catalytic converter theft: Toyota Prius.

Auto Vandalism
On February 10 at 8:04 a.m. near Morrison Drive/Ora Glen Drive auto front passenger side window broken, nothing taken.
On February 13 at 5:20 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road West-bound, property was damaged.

Break-In
On February 11 at 4:09 p.m. near 9 Parkway. Vacant apartment broken into.

DUI
Four DUI arrests were made: on February 10 at 10:12 p.m. near Greenbelt Road/Lakecrest Drive and near Kenilworth Avenue/Greenbelt Road; on February 13 at 1:43 p.m. near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace and near 6600 Lake Park Drive.

Fight
On February 7 at 11:02 p.m.

near 6000 Springhill Drive, a fight occurred.

Fraud
On February 7 at 7:43 a.m. near 9000 Breezewood Terrace, an unknown person applied for credit in victim's name. On February 11 at 3:38 p.m. near 8 Olivewood Court, check fraud was reported.
On February 13 at 10:27 a.m. near 7 Court Ridge Road, identity stolen, bank account opened and overdraft created in victim's name was reported. Near 11 Court Ridge Road, a Zelle account was accessed by unknown individual and multiple unauthorized money transfers initiated.

Gunshots
On February 10 at 11:07 p.m. near 5800 Cherrywood Lane, officers responded to a report of a possible gunshot and located a window struck by a small projectile that shattered one pane of the double pane window. No shell casing was located.
On February 13 at 7:10 p.m. near 6000 Springhill Drive, multiple apartments were struck by gunfire, no injuries reported.

Missing Person
On February 7 at 6:52 p.m. near 200 Lakeside Drive, an 11-year-old female was reported missing. She was later located by officers and transported home.
On February 10 at 7:30 a.m. near 7000 Mandan Road, a 16-year-old male was reported missing, later located.

Shoplifting
Shoplifting occurred on February 8 at 8:38 p.m. near 5900 Greenbelt Road westbound; on February 12 at 1:30 p.m. near 7400 Greenbelt Road eastbound; on February 7 at 3:27 p.m. near 5900 Greenbelt Road westbound and on February 8 at 4:15 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road westbound.

Theft
On February 9 at 3:40 p.m. near 9300 Edmonston Road, two bicycles were stolen from the balcony of an apartment.
On February 12 at 9:30 a.m. near 9100 Springhill Lane, a package was stolen. Near 6100 Breezewood Court property was stolen and near 200 Lakeside Drive, a bicycle was stolen from an apartment balcony.

Threats
On February 11 at 4:23 p.m. near 6200 Springhill Drive, a juvenile was threatened by another juvenile.

Trespassing
On February 13 at 6:58 p.m. near 36 Crescent Road, juveniles trespassed into an apartment and a replica Glock 17 BB gun was taken from them.

Midnight Valentine Dinner Served to Greenbelt Police

by Claudia Jones



PHOTO BY KATHLEEN LEGENDRE

Valentine dinner is served! Chefs Claudia Jones and Evelyn Scali stand in front of Greenbelt Police officers (from left) Mike Eppard, Robert Defibaugh, Randy Marks and Derrick Bowne, with Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department member Robby Tripe on the right. Mona Atari was not able to be in the picture.

A Valentine Dinner was served to the Greenbelt Police midnight shift on Saturday. The menu featured sloppy joes, potato salad, coleslaw and deviled eggs made by Chefs Kathy Legendre and

Claudia Jones. Two traditional Palestinian dishes, maqluba and fattoush, served throughout the Levant, were contributed by Chef Mona Atari. For dessert, cupcakes with

sprinkles of love, thanks and appreciation were served to these fine men and women who work tirelessly around the clock to keep our town and streets safe.

Foiling Catalytic Converter Thefts: What Owners Can Do

Ten catalytic converter thefts from Priuses were reported in Greenbelt between February 1 and February 5.

Greenbelt Police Department recommends that a car be parked in a garage, if possible. If not, parking in a court or a driveway, rather than on the street, may offer some deterrent, though if a Prius is parked anywhere visible it could be a target. We recommend getting catalytic converters spray painted and etched through a program in Takoma Park (which is also high in Prius ownership). Below is some information.

The City of Takoma Park Police Department and RS Automotive (7224 Carroll Avenue, 301-270-4418) run the "Etch and Catch" program, which pro-

vides free etching and painting of catalytic converters. While etching and painting the catalytic converter does not prevent thefts, it acts as a deterrent by making each converter identifiable and easily traced.

Visit RS Automotive with any paid service that requires your vehicle to be lifted on a rack, and you can request to have your catalytic converter etched with your vehicle's license plate number and painted with a high heat, bright white-colored spray paint at no cost. If you just want your catalytic converter etched without other vehicle work at the same time, call RS Automotive for an appointment.

This information was provided by the Greenbelt Police Department.

GIVES Office Is Once More in the Office

The GIVES office has reopened and volunteers are taking calls each weekday from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. from people who need services. They are an all-volunteer membership organization that helps Greenbelt residents who need assistance to live independently in their own homes.

GIVES volunteers help transport people to medical and other necessary appointments, take care of pets during hospital stays or other times when seniors cannot, stay with members who can't be left alone so that their family can run errands, and pick up groceries or other items ordered online.

If you need help now or know someone who needs services, call 301-607-6580 to receive a membership application form. Member requests are sent to volunteer providers to find a match. Applications are processed as quickly as possible to get services to those in need.

Because volunteers transport people in their cars, the group's insurance company requires that people receiving or providing services be GIVES members.

For more information about becoming a member, either to receive assistance or to volunteer to help others, call 301-507-6580 or email at givesoffice@gmail.com.

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meets monthly through July of this year and GARE hosts an annual meeting in April.

Information about the program is on the city's website at greenbeltmd.gov/government/city-administration/human-resources/

government-alliance-and-racial-equity. Martinez said, however, that the team is focusing on internal communications to ensure they have a complete and cohesive plan before presenting it to residents.

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Utopia Film Festival Needs Lots of Volunteers for 2022

by Chris Haley



Film director Cadell Cook (Four Points), left, and Utopia Film Festival Director Chris Haley at the 2019 Utopia Film Festival

Greenbelt’s Utopia Film Festival invites the public to join them in planning and implementing the 2022 Festival in November of this year, the 18th such community event, now a beloved Greenbelt tradition. As an all-volunteer organization, new volunteers are needed for the many jobs involved in continuing to produce successful festivals this year and beyond.

Behind the Scenes

Utopia receives film submissions from around the world – thousands of them over the years, with over 100 entries received each year – from which several dozen are chosen to screen during the Festival. The submissions are received through the online film portal, FilmFreeway.com. The submissions represent all skill levels of filmmakers who

create entertaining, provocative and relevant works that exemplify Utopia’s mission to create a better world through film.

The last two years have been challenging due to the pandemic. In 2020, the in-person Festival had to be canceled, and in 2021 some of the usual venues were not available. Nevertheless, a small number of volunteers managed to put together a great Festival. Work by talented filmmakers continues, and the Festival looks forward to whole-

heartedly welcoming them and their fans once again.

The pool of volunteers who do all the behind-the-scenes work is experiencing attrition, so to help continue the Festival, consider volunteering in one of these areas: film screening, social media promotion, outreach, programming and technical assistance at the Festival. This is a great way to connect with other Greenbelters and moviegoers in the greater community. If interested, or to find out more details, send an email to utopiafilmfest20770@gmail.com or call Deborah Hartwick at 301-456-4537. For additional information, see the organizational structure of the Festival at utopiafilmfestival.org/committee-structure.html.

Chris Haley is the director of the Utopia Film Festival.



Eleanor Roosevelt High School's Luca Pedone warms up for his varsity game against High Point High on Tuesday, February 8 by taking some practice shots.

PHOTO COURTESY UTOPIA FILM FESTIVAL

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Car Fire on Crescent Road



The Greenbelt Fire Department responds to a car fire in the 600 Court of Crescent Road on Thursday, February 3.

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the Aquatic & Fitness Center. A total of 69 participants took advantage of the service, according to organizers. The mobile units are part of the Black Health and Wellness theme for this year's Black History Month.



Kaiser offers free health screenings at Beltway Plaza (above) and Luminis Health offers screenings in front of the Aquatic & Fitness Center (below) on Saturday, February 12.

- Photos by Kate Pugliese



A male cardinal tries to disguise himself as holly berries.

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Greenbelt Elementary School
Students Show Some Heart

Greenbelt Elementary School PTA decorated the entryway of the school on Sunday, February 13, to wish faculty and staff a happy Valentine's Day. The parents and their children came out with cut-out hearts and chalk to brighten the building.



Kindergartner Nathaniel, 5, works on writing a message to his teachers at the Valentine's Day decoration event.



- Photos by Jill Connor



Friends Dora, 9, in the front and Lelia, 4, in the back, both work on chalk messages.



Chase, 11, works on the Valentine's Day decorations.